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**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, INC. AND MEN'S WEARHOUSE
TEAM UP FOR 2ND ANNUAL NATIONAL SUIT DRIVE**

Workforce Development, Inc., a Southeast Minnesota -based non-profit organization, and Men's Wearhouse, a leading men's retailer, work together to collect professional work attire for those in need

*Suit Drive Aims To Provide Work-Appropriate Wardrobes
To Those Looking To Re-Enter the Workforce*

Rochester, MN (Sept 1, 2009) – Concerned that thousands of men are unable to secure employment because they lack the initial, yet vital, step of looking presentable for a job interview, Workforce Development, Inc. and Men's Wearhouse are working together to collect thousands of articles of professional attire as part of the 2nd Annual National Suit Drive, September 1-30.

Workforce Development, Inc., along with more than 200 other nonprofit organizations, have partnered with Men's Wearhouse, the nation's leading retailer of men's tailored clothing, to help empower unemployed men by providing the necessary work attire that will build their self-esteem and help make a lasting impression during job interviews.

“We are very excited to work with Men's Wearhouse on the National Suit Drive campaign,” said Jennifer Johnson, Career Counselor with Workforce Development, Inc. in Rochester MN. “Having the right professional attire can make a difference in our clients' reaching their goal of finding a new career. The donations received from the drive will help men walk into the interview with the extra confidence needed to move forward in the current job market.”

Last year, the inaugural suit drive garnered 125,000 professional items nationally. This year, Workforce Development, Inc. and Men's Wearhouse have set a goal of not only gathering as

many items as possible, but also increasing awareness about the importance clothing has on clients' success as they work to overcome barriers to gainful employment.

“It became apparent many years ago that there was a long-standing need to help men who are striving for self-sufficiency,” said George Zimmer, CEO and Chairman of Men’s Wearhouse. “We started a Merchandise Donation program to provide professional clothing to nonprofit organizations serving these men. However, our program could not meet the demand, so we implemented the National Suit Drive to assist us in our efforts to help less fortunate men by giving them a renewed sense of dignity and respect. Philanthropy is a major part of our corporate fabric and given the economic climate, this year’s National Suit Drive is more important than ever.”

To demonstrate its commitment, Men’s Wearhouse will add a new tie to help complete the outfit for every suit donated.

All 1,065 Men’s Wearhouse and Men’s Wearhouse & Tux locations will serve as drop-off sites for gently used suits, dress shirts, sport coats, slacks, ties, belts and shoes that will be used to benefit men in need of these items to transition into the workforce. Men’s Wearhouse will accept donations for Workforce Development, Inc., which in turn will provide them to individuals who utilize their services. For a complete list of drop-off locations, please visit www.nationalsuitdrive.com.

About Workforce Development Inc.

Workforce Development, Inc. (WDI) is an independent, non-profit agency with a long history of serving the needs of job seekers and employers in Southeast Minnesota. WDI is dedicated to developing and advancing the workforce to meet the current and future needs of the communities we serve.

WDI works with thousands of people annually, serving 10 counties in Southeast Minnesota. Six of their ten locations include Minnesota WorkForce Centers, where multiple agencies deliver related services for job seekers and employers. Every WDI location is staffed by experienced professionals who care deeply about the people and communities in which they live and serve.

About Men's Wearhouse

Founded in 1973, Men's Wearhouse is one of North America's largest specialty retailers of men's apparel with 1,284 stores. The Men's Wearhouse, Moores and K&G stores carry a full selection of designer, brand name and private label suits, sport coats, furnishings and accessories.

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